Impact of Corporatisation of Government Offices on CGHS beneficiaries

2851. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Corporation of major Government Departments and Privatisation of offices would reduce the number of CGHS beneficiaries in the country and will have impact on the CHS revenue and staffing pattern; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the steps taken to include employees of Government offices even after corporatisation and to include Public Sector companies in the CHS purview?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) There has been no study done on the impact of corporatisation/privatisation of Govt. offices on the CGHS. Therefore, it is not possible at present to assess its impact for the CGHS.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

Treatment of VIPs Abroad

2852. DR. M.N. DAS Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of VIPs who went abroad for treatment at Government expense during the last three years;

(b) the names of maladies they suffered from;

(c) whether no medical institutions were there in India for their treatment; and

(d) if so, who authorized their treatment in foreign countries and which department sanctioned money for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The information is given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) Adequate facilities were not available in India.

(d) The permission for treatment abroad is given on the recommendation of the Standing Committee set up under Central Services (Medical Attendance)